
Recognition of Dawn Heterick Werner

The Background:

The 2006 Teacher of the Year is Dawn Heterick Werner, who is a kindergarten through sixth grade Title I teacher at Fairmount Elementary School in the Bristol Tennessee City School district in Sullivan County.

As a Title I teacher, Dr. Werner has taught writing as a special area class, and reading and math in second, fourth and sixth grade. She has also served as Student Services Coordinator and Parent Involvement Coordinator. Prior to being a Title I teacher, Dr. Werner has been a kindergarten, first and sixth grade classroom teacher.

Dr. Werner is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens. As the Coordinator of the Corrective Reading Program, full-time member of the Student Support Team, Surrogate Parent for Special Education in the State of Tennessee, continuous member of her school's Planning and Improvement Team for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and member of various other school-wide and system-wide committees, she demonstrates her dedication to students and teachers. In addition, Dr. Werner's commitment to teacher mentoring is observed through her creation of a mentoring program at her school as well as supervising student teachers, college student interns and high school tutors.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Technology, from Virginia Intermont College in Bristol, Virginia; a Master of Arts in Teaching degree, and Doctorate of Education degree from East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee. Dr. Werner is very active in the Parent Teacher Association and Alpha Delta Kappa, a professional women educator's sorority. She has also been a member of the Tennessee Association for Supervisors of Special Education, Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development and the National Education Association.

In her eleven years of teaching, she has been selected as building-level and system-level Teacher of the Year twice. Dr. Werner has also been nominated for Who's Who in Teaching.

The Recommendation:

The SBE Board members and staff congratulate Dr. Werner and salute her on her accomplishments.